

Twelfth Annual Report

OF THE

AUDITOR

OF THE

CITY OF LINCOLN

NEBRASKA

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
AUGUST 31, 1915

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Lincoln, Nebraska, September 1, 1915.

To the Honorable City Council,
City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith the Twelfth Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Lincoln, being for the year ending August 31, 1915.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the plan adopted in the preparation of the report for last year and covers the fiscal year, as nearly as possible. It is divided into three articles or parts as follows: Part I, contains general information about the city, together with a short statement of the operations of different departments during the year; Part II, contains the ledger accounts of the departments, and Part III, statistical tables.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. BERG,
City Clerk and Auditor.

PART I—GENERAL INFORMATION.

ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY

On May 4, 1915, a city election was held and the officials mentioned in this report are those in office on September 1, 1915.

Under the Commission Form of Government the City is divided into five departments, which have been assigned to the five councilmen elected as follows:

Superintendent of Department of

Public Affairs:

CHARLES W. BRYAN, Mayor

Is President of Council; has charge of the Legal Department; Unliquidated Claims; Rules, Privileges and Elections, City Hall and Sidewalks.

Superintendent of Department of

Accounts and Finance:

GEORGE DAYTON

Is Vice-President of Council; Ex-Officio City Treasurer; has charge of Accounts and Finances; Printing; Taxation and Licenses; and of the Offices of Tax Commissioner, City Clerk and Auditor.

Superintendent of Department of Public Safety:

JOHN WRIGHT

Has charge of Police Department; Fire Department; Health Department; City Scales and Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Superintendent of Department of Streets and

Public Improvements:

THOMAS J. HENSLEY

Has charge of Street Work; Public Improvements; Additions to City, Viaducts and City Engineer's Office.

Superintendent of Department of Parks and

Public Property:

WM. SCHROEDER

Has charge of Parks and Water and Light Department.

The above mentioned superintendents of departments constitute the City Council. Regular meetings of the Council are held at 2:00 o'clock P. M. on Monday of each week.

In addition to the above the Excise Board and Police Judge are elected. All other officials of the city are appointed by the Council.

THE EXCISE BOARD

Will H. Love, Chairman, Nicholas Ress, Harry Porter.

Regular meetings of the Excise Board are held at 2:00 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday of each month

POLICE JUDGE

Bruce Fullerton

APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY

THEO. H. BERG
City Clerk and Auditor

CLIFFORD BAKER
Deputy City Clerk

EARL M. POOR
Accountant Clerk's Office

MISS EDNA ROBINSON
Record Clerk

F. W. HELLWIG
Deputy City Treasurer

A. W. STUTHEIT
Accountant Treasurer's Office

ADNA DOBSON
City Engineer

GEORGE BATES
Deputy City Engineer

D. L. ERICKSON
Assistant City Engineer

F. E. MELKER
Plumbing Inspector

C. PETRUS PETERSON
City Attorney

CHARLES R. WILKE
Deputy City Attorney

W. T. OVERTON
Assistant Superintendent of Streets

W. F. DAY
Building and Sidewalk Inspector

PAUL W. DOERR
Assistant Supt. Water and Light Dept.

ANDREW JOHNSON
Chief Engineer Water and Light Dept.

C. R. MAWE
Tax Commissioner

P. EDINBOROUGH
Assistant Superintendent of Parks

DR. CHAUNCEY F. CHAPMAN
Superintendent of Health

DR. N. O. REYNOLDS
Assistant Superintendent of Health

H. CLEMENT
Chief of Fire Department

H. H. ANTLES
Chief of Detectives

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARY
(Members Appointed by Council)

Nelson C. Brock.....	President
H. T. Dobbins.....	Vice-President
C. D. Hyatt.....	Secretary
Lulu Horne.....	Librarian

Board of Directors

Term Expiring July 1, 1916.

Nelson C. Brock	William M. Morning	William B. Ryons
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Term Expiring July 1, 1917.

H. J. Lehnhoff	H. B. Lowrey	Mrs. Callen Thompson
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Term Expiring July 1, 1918

H. T. Dobbins	Lawrence Fossler	P. M. Orr
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FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN

City originally incorporated on April 7, 1869.

Incorporated as a city of the Second Class, on March 18, 1871.

Incorporated as a city of the Second Class with more than 10,000 inhabitants on March 1, 1883.

Incorporated as a city of the First Class having less than 60,000 inhabitants, on March 25, 1887.

Altitude: 1,165 feet above sea level.

Area: 4,891.7 acres (7.6 square miles).

Paved streets: 65 miles.

Parks: 125 acres.

Sewers: 102 miles.

Water mains: 93 miles.

Street railways: 39 miles.

Public School buildings: 18.

Churches and denominational schools: 60.

Interurban car lines: 6.

Floating debt: None.

Points of Interest.

State University Farm	Capital Beach
State Fair Grounds	Epworth Lake Park
State Capitol	Home of William J. Bryan
State Penitentiary	Hayward Military Academy
State Hospital for Insane	Caves south of city
Wyuka Cemetery	State University Campus and Athletic Field
Lincoln Park	

ASSESSED VALUATION AND BOND DEBT OF THE CITY

Assessed valuation of real estate.....	\$ 6,761,820.00
Assessed valuation of personal property.....	3,875,403.00

Total	\$10,637,223.00
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The assessed valuation is one-fifth the actual valuation making

the actual valuation as found by the assessor.....	\$53,186,115.00
Bond debt of the city on August 31, 1915.....	941,500.00
Population (1910 census).....	43,973
Population (estimated 1915).....	52,000
Valuation of city per capita on estimated population.....	\$1,022.81
Bond debt of city per capita on estimated population.....	18.11

It is proper to mention that at the election held on May 4, 1915, there were voted \$50,000.00 bonds for the extension of Antelope Park, and \$50,000.00 for a refuse disposal plant. Up to the present time, these bonds have been neither sold nor issued.

Special assessment bond debt (paving, repaving and alley paving, an obligation of the districts first and against the city if the particular district fails to pay the tax or the properties fail to sell for the tax).....	\$658,718.06
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At the time of the acceptance of this donation by the city a resolution was passed by the council, naming the said tract "Auld Annex to Antelope Park." Resolution of thanks were also passed, which were properly engraved and presented to these gentlemen. (A photographic copy of said resolutions are published herewith.)

Plans for the beautifying of this tract have been prepared and the work of improvement will proceed as rapidly as possible.

LAKE PARK

A tract of land known as Lot 11, in the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 36-10-6, being between 14th and 15th streets and south of Lake street, was platted as Parkside addition to the city of Lincoln, by the owner, Mr. Jesse A. Smith. That portion of this tract lying between Mango street and Lake street comprising about three acres was a low place and had a ravine running through it.

On April 19, 1915, Mr. Smith presented to the council a proposed plat of said Parkside addition, and with it a communication, in which he agreed that if his proposed plat were approved, he would deed to the city the three acre tract. This proposition was accepted by the council, and a park is now being made of said tract.

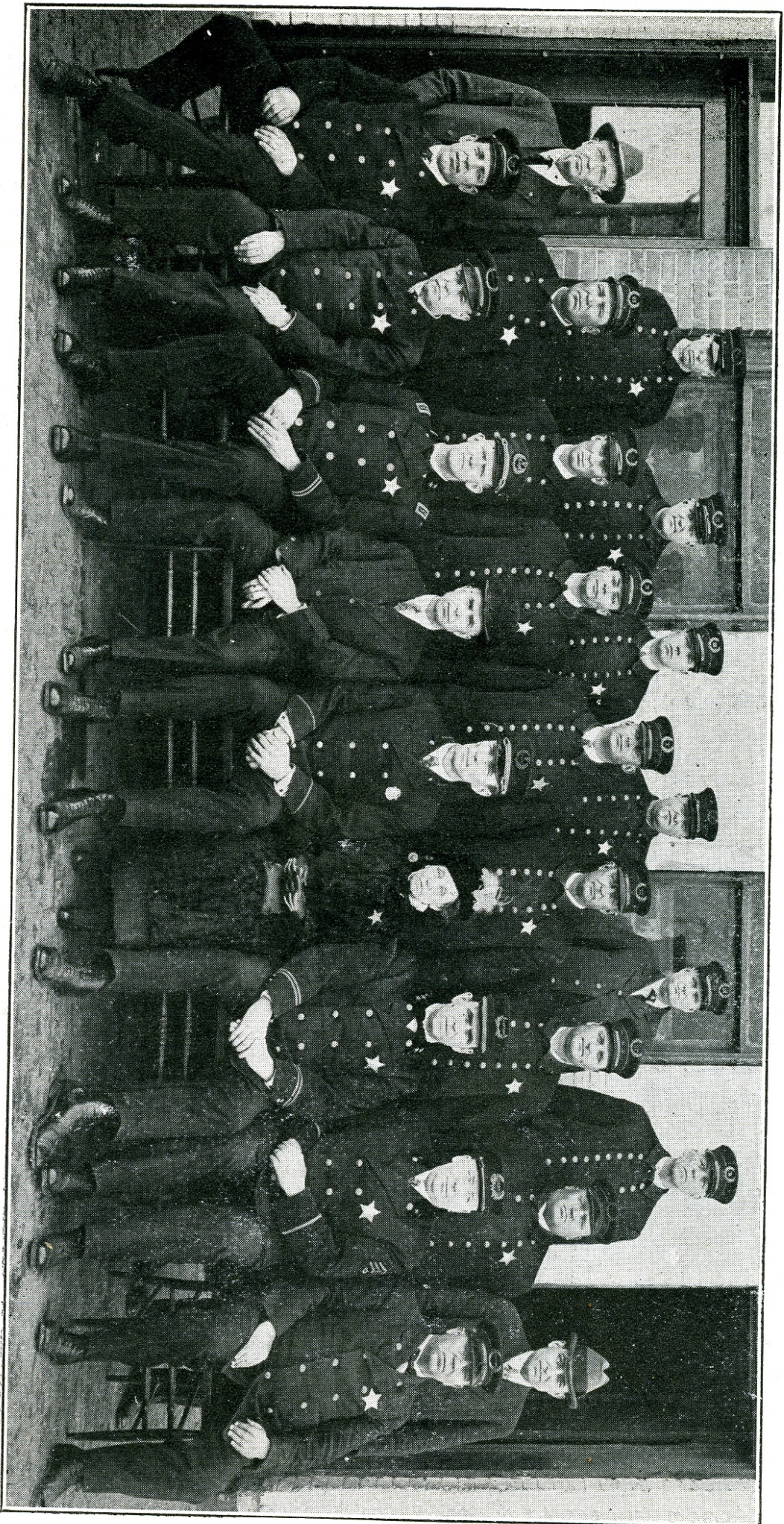
The park department has placed nearly 1,000 loads of dirt upon this tract and has taken care of the drainage in such a manner that a small pond or lake is now located in said tract.

It is due Mr. Smith that the citizens of Lincoln should feel thankful to him for his generosity in this matter, as this will be made into a beautiful little park, and on account of its location, it is within walking distance of the residences of a great number of people who could not reach the other parks of the city without the expense of car fare.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers in Service

Chief of Detectives	1
Captains	2
Sergeants	2
Patrolmen	15
Patrol drivers	2
Matron	1
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Total	23



THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Number of arrests made during year.....	3,001	
Males	2,845	
Females	156	
Total	3,001	
Number of white people	2,831	
Number of colored people	170	
Can read and write	2,829	
Males	2,678	
Females	151	
Total	2,829	
Cannot read or write	172	
		3,001
Males	167	
Females	5	
Total	172	
Social conditions		
Married males	895	
Single males.....	1,950	
Total	2,845	2,845
Married females	99	
Single females	57	
Total	156	156
		3,001

Causes of Arrest

Adultery	6
Assault and assault and battery	50
Attempted steal	1
Bastardy	1
Begging on street	28
Bicycle, riding on sidewalk	3
Bootlegging	1
Burglary	36
Chicken stealing	1
Concealed weapons, carrying	8
Defrauding	5
Destruction of property	4

Disturbing peace	83
Disorderly conduct	88
Dope fiend	13
Drunk	1,447
Embezzlement	1
Excise rules violated	17
False pretenses	2
Fighting	57
Fire ordinance violated	2
Forgery	14
Gambling	37
Grand larceny	14
Health and humane ordinances violated	11
Held for other officers	23
Highway robbery	3
Horse stealing	3
Incorrigible	1
Indecent exposure	1
Indecent language	6
Insanity	18
Insulting women	13
Jail breaking	1
Juvenile	1
Kidnapping	5
Murder attempted	2
Nuisance	4
Peddling without license	13
Petit larceny	40
Pickpocket	4
Plumber's ordinance violated	3
Prostitution, keeping house of	6
Prostitution	29
Prowling	1
Rape or attempted	4
Receiving stolen property	7
Resisting officer	3
Road and vehicle ordinance violated	274
Selling tobacco to minors	7
Shooting in city limits	3
Shoplifting	6
Soliciting on street	23
Spitting on sidewalk	3
Suspicious persons	127
Selling mortgaged property	1
Sick or injured cared for	1
Safe blowing	2

Stock running at large.....	1
Sodomy	1
Teams untied	5
Vagrancy	407
Witnesses held	12
Wife beating	6
Wife desertion	1
Total	3,001

Nationality of Persons Arrested

Austria	10	Norway	1
Assyria	10	Roumania	1
Canada	11	Russia	118
Denmark	4	Scotland	10
England	24	South America	1
France	1	Spain	1
Germany	86	Sweden	30
Greece	13	Turkey	2
Ireland	30	United States	2,617
Italy	8	West Indies	1
Mexico	22		
Total			3,001

Meals Furnished Prisoners

1914—

September	1,813	
October	948	
November	1,430	
December	1,599	
5,790 @ 10 cents		\$ 579.00

1915--

January	900	
February	1,040	
March	1,087	
April	956	
May	724	
June	2,223	
July	2,888	
August	1,830	
11,648 @ 5.6 cents		647.24

Total 17,438.....	\$1,226.24
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Until January 1, 1915 the prisoners were furnished meals by private parties at a contract price of 10 cents each meal. A kitchen was fitted out at the station and since January 1, 1915, the supplies for the kitchen were furnished by the city and the meals have been prepared there, at a cost of approximately 6 cents per meal.

THE REST ROOMS

The rest rooms for women and children are located in the basement of the city hall on the east side. These consist of a dining room on the south side and the parlor on the north, with the kitchen or cooking department in the center. In the parlor are lounges and beds for children. This department is under the management of the Rest Room Committee of the City Improvement Society. The city furnishes the room, heat and light and pays \$50.00 per month to apply on the salaries of the employees.

During the year the city installed a new "Ladies' Room," utilizing a part of the open area-way north of the building, this was badly needed and has proven very satisfactory.

The rooms are open from 8:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. and on Saturday from 8:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M. Light lunches are served by the City Improvement Society to defray expenses, such as salaries, keeping the rooms in repair, or the purchase of furniture, carpets, and supplies for the kitchen or cooking department.

Out of the proceeds, the interior of the rooms have been painted; new linoleum has been furnished for two rooms and a few pieces of new furniture purchased.

Reading matter has been furnished in large quantities by friends, in a few instances, through subscription to current publications, but principally by the gift of old papers and magazines. After use in the room these are distributed; more than five thousand publications having been given out during the year.

The report of the chairman of the rest room committee shows that during the past year, more than 53,000 persons visited the rooms. This includes many people living in the city, but the majority were those from smaller towns and farmers, who came in on trains or drove in with automobiles or teams.

The gross receipts for the year were.....	\$1,635.09
The gross expenditures for the year were.....	1,519.63
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Leaving a balance of.....	\$ 115.46

PAVING REPAIR

Receipts

Balance September 1, 1914		\$ 934.58
Tax collections	\$12,804.54	
Plumbers' permits	295.01	
Material sold	47.55	
Labor	16.00	
Repairs	299.92	
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Total receipts	\$13,463.02	13,463.02
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Total credits		\$14,397.60

Disbursements

Materials	\$ 6,854.48	
Labor	5,125.29	
Motorcycle expense	70.01	
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Total warrants issued	\$12,049.78	
Warrant debt September 1, 1914	51.61	
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	\$12,101.39	
Warrants paid	11,894.97	
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Warrant debt September 1, 1915	\$ 206.42	
Total cash charges		\$11,894.97
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Cash balance September 1, 1915		\$ 2,502.63
Warrant debt September 1, 1915		206.42
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Fund balance September 1, 1915		\$ 2,296.21

POLICE

Receipts

Balance September 1, 1914		\$ 4,824.53
Tax collections	\$33,916.21	
Court costs	2,287.65	
Dog tax	1,417.75	
Gasoline sold	15.40	

Salary refund	13.50	
Auctioneer's street permit	10.00	
Total collections	\$37,660.51	37,660.51
Total credits		\$42,485.04

Disbursements

Auto rent, (Chief)	\$ 529.32	
Auto patrol expense	938.01	
Dog catcher	423.00	
Coal	266.40	
Building repairs	167.53	
Officers equipment	208.80	
Telephones	1,745.37	
Street car tickets	264.00	
Signal system expense	135.21	
Maintenance	2,486.37	
Salary	25,183.41	
Meals	1,226.24	
Gasoline	214.58	
Motorcycle expense	18.90	
Total warrants issued	\$33,807.14	\$33,807.14
Warrant debt September 1, 1914		1,947.98
		\$35,755.12
Warrants paid		33,199.31
Warrant debt September 1, 1915	\$ 2,555.81	
Total cash charges		\$33,199.31
Cash balance September 1, 1915		9,285.73
Warrant debt September 1, 1915		2,555.81
Fund balance September 1, 1915		\$ 6,729.92

ROAD

Receipts

Balance September 1, 1914		\$10,955.29
Tax collections	\$19,797.26	
County Treasurer	5,610.00	

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

September 1, 1914, to September 1, 1915

GENERAL FUND

	1914 Budget Appropriation	Expenditures Warrants Issued	More Than Appropriat'n	Less Than Appropriat'n
Health	\$ 4,028.00	\$ 6,989.70	\$ 2,961.70	.....
Election	3,500.00	4,610.64	1,110.64	.....
Printing	3,000.00	2,420.92	.....	\$ 579.08
Emergency	750.00	115.60	.....	634.40
Scales	890.00	862.64	.....	27.36
Sidewalk	2,000.00	797.41	.....	1,202.59
Charity Organization	250.00	250.00	.....	.....
American Park Builders	520.00	348.00	.....	172.00

SALARY

Mayor's office	2,950.00	2,952.25	2.25	.....
Treasurer's office	5,300.00	4,397.52	.....	902.48
Clerk's office	5,180.00	4,940.83	.....	239.17
Attorney's office	4,820.00	4,643.69	.....	176.31
Engineer's office	14,540.00	13,752.59	.....	787.41
Health office	7,380.00	7,379.20	.....	.80
Tax Commissioner	1,450.00	1,720.00	270.00	.....
Road	1,890.00	2,040.00	150.00	.....
Electrician	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....
Electrical Inspector	300.00	300.00	.....	.....
Councilmen	8,000.00	8,000.07	.07	.....
Excisemen	900.00	900.00	.....	.....
Water department .....	.....	158,308.93	.....	.....
Lighting department	60,750.00	57,387.36	.....	3,362.64
Fire	55,115.00	53,429.41	.....	1,685.59
Police	34,168.00	33,807.14	.....	360.86
Road	55,901.45	50,021.35	.....	5,880.10
Sewer	25,530.00	24,924.80	.....	605.20
Paving repair	11,981.00	12,049.78	68.78	.....
Park	19,981.00	20,144.85	163.85	.....
City property	8,649.00	7,365.60	.....	1,283.40
Engineer's office expense	478.00	538.47	60.47	.....
Judgment	14,981.00	12,568.54	.....	2,412.46
Library	9,725.00	11,058.77	1,333.77	.....
Interest and coupon	41,559.00	.....	.....	.....
Coupons, commission, ex- change and postage paid .....	.....	36,054.98	.....	5,504.02
Paving adjacent to city property	2,060.00	1,247.21	.....	812.79

Table No. 7—BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS—1901 to 1914 Inclusive

	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914
General	\$11,825.56	\$10,954.00	\$11,250.00	\$11,166.00	\$11,345.00	\$11,253.25	\$11,291.00	\$11,197.35	\$11,245.50	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$14,100.00	\$14,928.00
Police	17,141.67	12,460.00	12,580.00	16,666.00	19,400.00	18,023.97	18,038.00	17,885.70	18,054.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	37,400.00	34,108.00
Pipe	33,300.00	28,699.00	36,000.00	40,000.00	41,900.00	39,619.54	42,775.00	42,760.35	42,840.00	47,500.00	47,500.00	47,500.00	61,000.00	55,115.00
Interest	43,708.34	39,377.50	38,227.00	51,000.00	46,530.00	43,536.00	40,208.00	38,251.35	38,403.00	40,600.00	7,000.00	42,500.00	46,700.00	41,553.00
Water	1,225.69	4,830.00	6,500.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,283.00	12,121.00	6,237.45	.....	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	25,530.00
Sewers	8,444.45	11,030.00	12,150.00	13,300.00	13,500.00	2,588.50	1,026.00	9,007.80	12,163.50	17,700.00	7,500.00	10,000.00	8,900.00	14,981.00
Judgment	17,990.42	16,526.18	2,500.00	4,135.00	1,000.00	6,317.65	9,143.00	8,717.40	8,707.50	9,700.00	9,700.00	9,700.00	9,700.00	9,725.00
Library	5,500.00	5,500.00	6,300.00	7,700.00	19,000.00	17,071.99	17,143.00	1,728.45	9,027.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	11,981.00
Paving	19,000.00	17,100.00	23,000.00	19,000.00	25,300.00	38,903.84	38,073.00	40,505.85	40,353.00	49,000.00	53,300.00	57,000.00	61,300.00	54,690.00
Lighting streets and public grounds	24,428.11	22,331.65	23,000.00	32,600.00	35,300.00	15,929.08	31,533.00	17,885.70	18,054.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	50,300.00	60,750.00
City Hall purchase	16,700.00	14,000.00	12,000.00	13,323.00	13,323.00	15,041.12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,000.00
Sinking fund .....	.....	.....	9,000.00	.....	.....	11,994.00	4,957.00	.....	.....	44,500.00	73,000.00	70,000.00	.....	.....
Storm sewers .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,904.00	9,914.00	9,844.65	9,945.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	8,649.00
City Hall and property .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,544.00	3,982.95	4,513.50	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	19,981.00
City Park .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,544.00	4,500.00	4,513.50	10,000.00	15,000.00	14,500.00	11,500.00	.....
Paving refund sinking .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,556.05	15,070.50	10,000.00	10,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Historical Society fund .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,902.75	17,059.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paving intersections .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
O and N street bridges .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridges, culverts, crossings and streets .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln Monument .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,700.00	55,901.45
Engineer's office expense .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500.00	.....
Paving streets adjoining city property .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,800.00	478.00
Parks and campus extension .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35,000.00	28,080.00